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The Honorable Tom Ammiano, Chair
Assembly Public Safety
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 2127 (Hernandez)** – As Introduced 1/23/12- **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Ammiano:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2127. This legislation would permit sheriffs or designated officials as defined in the bill, to grant work credits to sentenced inmates to alleviate jail overcrowding while closely monitoring the inmates' progress and participation.

Under existing law, sheriffs do not have the ability to give work credits for sentenced inmates who are gainfully employed, or are in the process of seeking employment. As you know, with the recent passage of AB 109 counties have experienced a significant influx of inmates. Several counties, including San Bernardino, are under a federal mandate to keep inmate population below full capacity in order to prevent jail overcrowding.

AB 2127 would assist counties in managing their jail population and serve as an incentive for individuals convicted of low-level misdemeanors to successfully integrate back into the community by authorizing a sheriff or other designated officials to grant work credit for documented participation in educational, vocational, substance abuse life skills or parenting programs.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports Assembly Bill 2127. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director, at (909) 387-4280. The County of San Bernardino thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES, Chair
Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Roger Hernandez
Members, Assembly Committee on Public Safety
Consultants, Assembly Committee on Public Safety

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